



REPORT OF THE OFFICERS  
—OF THE—  
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

—FOR THE YEAR ENDING—

*MARCH 1st, 1882.*

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*REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.*

The Town, at the annual meeting in March, 1881,  
voted to raise these sums :

For State tax.....	\$ 2,548 00
County tax.....	2,659 23
Schools.....	2,400 00
Roads & Bridges .....	600 00
Town Officers.....	800 00
Paupers.....	500 00
Interest on Town Bonds ....	1,350 00
Incidentals .....	1,200 00
Cemeteries .....	200 00
Highways.....	1,700 00
Fire Department.....	150 00
Scraping Sidewalks .....	80 00
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	14,187 23
Selectmen added,	382 07
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	14,569 30



## TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

In account with GEORGE OLCOTT, *Treasurer.***Cr.**

Balance March 1st, 1881 .....	\$ 4,123 95
State Treasurer, Bounty on Hawks	7 60
H. Green, Town Hall Custodian	14 19
H. B. Viall, Town Farm Acct.	153 50
Town Histories sold.....	24 00
County Paupers.....	487 49
H. B. Viall, taxes, 1879-80..	1,056 03
H. Hull, taxes, 1875-76.....	120 37
D. Bradford, taxes, 1881,.....	7,755 73
H. B. Viall, highway taxes, 1881,	26 67
Con. Riv. Sav. B'k, prem. on bonds,	100 00
Railroad tax,.....	906 37
Savings Bank tax.....	1,927 36
Literary Fund.....	150 07
George W. Mark, legacy.....	71 11
Edward Cooley, rent of store...	90 00.
	<hr/> \$ 17,014 44

**Dr.**

Paid for Schools.....	\$ 2,581 99
“ Roads & bridges.....	361 09
“ Town Paupers.....	414 45
“ County paupers .....	442 50
“ Town Farm.....	545 59
“ Incidentals.....	2,079 19
“ Cemeteries.....	209 57
“ Town debt .....	5,235 33
“ Town officers.....	844 00
	<hr/> 12,713 71
Balance due town,....	4,300 73
	<hr/> \$ 17,014 44

## SCHOOLS.

Paid George Olcott,	District No. 2 & 3,	20 00
" Michael Meany,	" 10,	20 00
" D. G. Stoughton,	" 2 & 3,	550 00
" A. C. Way,	" 14,	42 89
" Charles Gay,	" 6,	50 00
" Henry L. Frost,	" 7,	38 00
" Michael Hearn,	" 11,	33 17
" R. H. Ramsey,	" 13,	55 00
" Oren E. Fisk,	" 9,	47 00
" Geo. H. Messer,	" 1,	75 00
" Eliza A. Breed,	" 4,	50 00
" Mervin F. Whipple,	" 12,	40 00
" A. A. Loveland,	" 5,	65 00
" Charles Gay,	" 6,	40 00
" Eliza A. Breed,	" 4,	50 00
" R. H. Ramsey,	" 13,	50 00
" D. G. Stoughton,	" 2 & 3,	811 84
" Mervin F. Whipple,	" 12,	39 18
" Lucian Lane,	" 15, in Cl't,	30 00
" Oren E. Fisk,	" 9,	72 00
" A. C. Eggleston,	" 8,	20 00
" A. A. Loveland,	" 5,	72 68
" A. C. Eggleston,	" 8,	56 00
" Mrs. R. R. Allen,	" 7,	41 07
" R. H. Ramsey,	" 13,	71 57
" Charles Gay,	" 6,	58 43
" Eliza A. Breed,	" 4,	83 16
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		\$ 2,581 99

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid James W. Fisk, breaking roads,	7 17
" Frank Wood, repairing road,	2 25
" Wm. Hamlin, water trough, 1880,	2 00
" Wm. Hamlin, one hundred posts, 1880,	10 00

Paid Wm. E. Butterfield, railings & breaking road,	7 30
" Daniel George, water trough,	2 00
" Dexter Bradford, four days on road,	6 00
" Samuel Putnam, breaking roads,	6 50
" S. J. Demary, repairing culvert,	5 25
" Joseph Sylvester, labor on railings, H. swamp,	9 60
" Geo. L. Bond " " "	105 90
" Willard & Bowen, bridge plank,	33 80
" Joseph Sylvester, Hacket swamp,	4 05
" J. F. Randall, bridge plank,	10 30
" C. L. Corbin & Co. spikes for railing,	80
" Freeman & O'Niel, bridge plank,	7 80
" Eugene Smith, 89 hours work, H. swamp,	13 35
" C. L. Blood, repairing road scraper,	3 75
" N. W. Howard, timber for bridge,	5 00
" H. B. Viall, paid for spikes,	3 85
" H. B. Viall, labor,	2 65
" S. G. Smith, water trough,	2 00
" Dexter Bradford, for breaking roads,	9 50
" Geo. H. Powers, gravel,	4 00
" Theodocia S. Evans, land damage,	5 00
" James Jardine, labor on highway, 1877,	5 90
" Alvah C. Way, breaking roads,	5 25
" S. E. Gowing, labor on road,	6 90
" Geo. A. White, gravel,	2 00
" A. D. Hull, labor and cash paid,	6 37
" S. P. Osgood, bridge plank,	12 33
" Samuel Putnam, breaking roads,	7 20
" James W. Fisk, breaking roads,	10 29
" R. R. Allen, snowing bridge, 1881 & 1882,	3 50
" John A. Towner, gravel,	2 00
" James E. Perry, drawing stone,	15 00
" Gardner Way, labor and cash,	6 00
" E. F. Hubbard, water trough,	2 00
" J. H. Straw, blockaded highway,	3 53
" Wm. Hamlin, water trough,	2 00
" Peter A. Evans, work on culvert,	1 00

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\$ 361 09



## TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Alvah C. Way, Strickland family,	8 00
" Geo. W. Heywood, board A. H. Heywood,	50 00
" H. B. Viall, A. H. Heywood board & Dr's bill,	32 00
" Stephen Jones, Amanda Wetherbee,	4 59
" Geo. W. Heywood, board A. H. Heywood,	19 70
" Alvah C. Way, Strickland family,	10 00
" Mrs. H. N. Ferguson, Amanda Wetherbee,	6 42
" C. L. Corbin & Co.,	86
" Alvah C. Way, Strickland family,	8 00
" Marshall S. Howard, Amanda Wetherbee,	3 70
" Alvah C. Way, Strickland family,	10 00
" Sally Marony, Amanda Wetherbee,	7 00
" Alvah C. Way, Strickland family,	10 00
" R. Robertson, Amanda Wetherbee,	1 50
" Geo. W. Heywood, A. H. Heywood's board,	39 00
" Alvah C. Way, Strickland family,	8 00
" " " " " "	8 00
" Dr. C. A. Allen, med. atten'e, A. H. Heywood,	30 00
" Alvah C. Way, Strickland family,	10 00
" A. H. Heywood, assistance,	8 00
" Mary J. Chamberlain, Strickland family,	8 00
" A. H. Heywood, assistance,	9 00
" Alvah C. Way, Strickland family,	10 00
" F. W. Putnam, Agent, Mrs. Burnham,	6 00
" James A. Hunt, Strickland boy.	2 25
" Alvah C. Way, Strickland family,	8 00
" A. H. Heywood, assistance,	9 00
" S. A. Spooner, assistance J. A. Spooner,	50 00
" Alvah C. Way, Strickland family,	8 00
" F. W. Putnam, Agent, Mrs. Burnham,	3 00
" Edward Cooley, Amanda Wetherbee,	1 93
" H. B. Viall, Mrs. John Burnham,	2 00
" Dr. N. G. Brooks, Strickland family,	9 00
" Dr. J. M. Whitaker, Israel Gibson,	10 50
" H. B. Viall, A. H. Heywood,	3 00

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 \$ 414 45

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid S. J. Demary, C. Brunell,	\$ 1 05
C. L. Corbin & Co., Mrs. Chambers,	6 00
" " C. Brunell,	3 94
" " Mrs. John Strickland,	4 00
G. W. Parks, Herbert Piper,	50
" " Frank Kenedy,	50
F. W. Putnam, Agent, A. W. Chase,	14 72
" " " Mrs. Derby,	10 08
" " " G. H. Goewey,	2 00
C. L. Corbin & Co., Mrs. Chambers,	11 58
" " C. Brunell,	9 82
" " Mrs. John Strickland,	9 15
" " Frank Kenedy,	50
F. W. Putnam, Agent, Mrs. Derby,	11 32
" " " A. W. Chase,	7 30
Hamlin & Co., Frank Kenedy,	4 76
" " H. E. Piper,	4 61
Dr. James M. Whitaker, Eliza Heath,	8 00
R. Robertson, Mrs. Moody,	7 00
" Chambers family,	1 00
" J. Ferguson,	2 00
Samuel E. Gowing, Frank Kenedy,	6 68
" " Herbert Piper	1 81
S. J. Demary, C. Brunell,	1 00
C. L. Corbin & Co., C. Brunell,	8 41
" " Mrs. John Strickland,	9 00
S. J. Demary, C. Brunell,	1 08
Dr. N. G. Brooks, F. Kenedy family,	28 00
" " H. E. Piper, child,	10 00
" " A. W. Chase, wife,	19 50
C. L. Corbin & Co., Mrs. John Strickland,	4 00
" " Mrs. Derby,	5 15
" " C. Brunell,	4 14
F. W. Putnam, Agent, Mrs. Derby,	6 59
" " A. W. Chase,	10 57
F. S. Barbour,	1 13
E. Cooley, E. Saunders family,	25 61
" Mrs. Heath,	75
" Frank Kenedy,	50
" A. W. Chase,	1 00

Paid R. Robertson, J. Ferguson family,	2 00
Ellen Ryan, Mrs. Moody,	8 00
H. B. Viall, H. E. Piper,	1 75
" " J. Chambers, wood,	5 00
H. C. Ellenwood, Eliza Heath,	8 75
C. L. Corbin & Co., Mrs. Derby,	19 50
" " C. Brunell,	10 52
" " Mrs. J. Strickland,	4 00
" " D. Straw,	1 07
C. B. Trull, C. Brunell,	1 40
Dr. J. M. Whitaker, Heath child,	2 50
F. W. Putnam, Agent, A W. Chase,	7 24
W. H. Labaree,	60
J. A. Hunt, Geo. E. Davis,	2 00
" C. Brunell,	2 25
J. L. Hunt, Elvira Heath,	2 00
C. L. Corbin, & Co., Geo. E. Davis,	2 00
" " Mrs. Derby,	13 50
" " C. Brunell,	11 17
" " "	6 70
Dr. J. M. Whitaker, Geo. E. Davis,	18 00
C. L. Corbin & Co., Mrs. Derby,	6 00
" " D. Straw,	2 00
H. B. Viall, Geo. E. Davis,	1 31
W. A. Hunt, "	9 00
W. H. Labaree, John Blood,	4 15
" Geo. E. Davis,	2 00
C. L. Corbin & Co., Mrs. Derby,	4 94
" " C. Brunell,	4 80
Mark Lane, Geo. E. Davis,	2 84
E. Cooley, "	75
" Mrs. E. Saunders,	7 51
H. B. Viall, John Blood,	2 50
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\$ 442 50	

### TOWN FARM.

Paid G. W. Parks, salary to April 1, 1881.	92 78
H. B. Viall, horse for town farm.	87 50



Paid G. W. Parks, supplies,	35 90
“ “ Agent's salary,	20 00
R. Robertson, supplies,	34 17
W. H. Labaree, store bill,	29 23
R. A. Jaseph, labor,	25 95
C. L. Corbin & Co., store bill,	17 23
Fred. S. Barbour, G. W. Parks, Agent.	2 50
Rice & Person, meat bill,	2 02
H. B. Viall, 1 pair steers,	61 00
W. H. Labaree, store bill,	3 06
A. Clark, use W. Smith pasture, 1881,	12 00
H. B. Viall, castings for mowing machine.	1 00
D. E. Farwell, meal and saw bill,	25 00
George H. Powers, use pasture,	15 00
Moses C. Milliken, blacksmithing,	11 60
G. W. Parks, Frank S. Parks, labor.	21 00
“ “ Agent's salary,	25 00
R. Robertson, shorts and bag,	1 16
E. Cooley, store bill,	20 94
D. W. Parks, blacksmithing.	1 55
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	\$ 545 59

### *CEMETERIES.*

Paid Patrick Maroney, shoveling road,	2 50
Dexter Bradford, grading L. lot, etc..	64 65
Edwin Whipple, Hope Hill Cemetery.	25 57
A. D. Hull, labor Forest Hill Cemetery.	31 60
W. J. Walker, No. Charlestown Cemetery.	2 00
George Olcott, H. Hull, labor F. H. Cemetery.	4 00
Wilbur F. Merrill, Hope Hill Cemetery.	9 00
Edwin Whipple, “ “	5 00
H. C. Ellenwood, F. Hill, “	63 00
W. W. Harris, oiling hearse harness.	1 00
H. B. Viall, repairing hearse harness. 1881,	1 25
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	\$ 209 57

*TOWN DEBT.*

Paid Town Bonds, Nos. 66, 67, 69, 54, 21.	\$	930 00
Coupons,		585 00
“		12 50
“		585 00
Town Bonds, Nos. 2, 12, 14, 31, 34, 35, 37, 38, 43, 46, 47, 55, 56, 57, 59, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68,		2,013 33
Town Bonds, Nos. 1, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 60, 61, 70, 71, 72,		1,109 50
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	\$	5,235 33

*TOWN OFFICERS.*

Paid Abel Hunt, Auditor,	\$	2 00
R. W. Robertson, Auditor,		1 50
R. W. Piper, “		1 50
Abel Hunt, Supervisor,		4 00
James Finnigin, Constable,		8 00
George Olcott, Treasurer,		50 00
C. C. Kimball, Town Clerk,		50 00
Dexter Bradford, Collector,		150 00
Isaac Tripp, Constable,		12 00
Thos. D. Howard, Supt. Schools,		75 00
Sullivan J. Demary, Selectman,		160 00
Gardner Way, “		120 00
H. B. Viall, “ & Overseer,		210 00
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	\$	844 00

*INCIDENTALS.*

Paid George H. Powers, sheep killed by dogs, '80	\$	9 00
Geo. W. Heywood, “ “ “		3 00
Thomas Bailey, “ “ “		1 50
John W. Taylor's estate, “ “ “		5 00
George Olcott, fire department,		150 00
C. C. Kimball, blanks and book,		10 85
George W. Foggett, printing Town Reports,		25 00

Paid N. G. Brooks, births and deaths,	13 50
Thomas Slavin, repairing office chairs.	2 00
James Finnigan, account Town Hall,	14 19
Charles Hackett, award for damage,	933 33
C. C. Kimball, tax book,	10 00
H. B. Viall, Dr. Allen's fees,	20 00
"    "    Feferee fees,	30 00
James Finnigan, cleaning Town Hall,	8 00
G. W. Foggett, printing posters & Col's bl'ks,	4 00
N. G. Brooks, C. Hackett case,	10 00
George W. Foggett, printing orders & receipts,	6 50
F. A. Piper, abatement tax,	1 52
S. N. Crossman, slating on hall and tomb,	16 66
H. B. Viall, Dr. Cummings, recording deaths,	50
"    "    attending court,	5 00
"    "    bounties,	1 50
"    "    postage,	1 80
Henry F. Evans, abatement tax,	1 87
Michael McMahon, abatement tax,	3 04
G. W. Bemis, water boxes, H. Hull spring,	3 00
Joseph Burt, care Town Clock,	14 00
Thomas D. Howard, school books,	95
H. C. Ellenwood, repairing scraper.	1 25
E. L. Cushing, retainer,	25 00
G. W. Foggett, to printing,	2 00
H. Hull, ab't tax, P. A. & A. Evans, '75-76.	106 17
C. C. Kimball, stationery, &c.,	22 07
E. Cooley, moving snow,	1 00
Gardner Way, bounty,	1 40
Dexter Bradford, col's discount on taxes.	425 85
"    abatement dog tax, errors,	4 00
"    "    taxes,	21 16
S. J. Demary, pd. G. Bailey, surveying	
town line,	6 50
H. B. Viall, scraping sidewalks,	75 00
"    abatement taxes, 1880,	72 94
"    "    "    1879,	3 74
"    attendance court,	5 00
"    bounty,	40

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\$ 2,079 19



## COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

H. B. VIALI, *Collector*, 1878-79-80.

In account with the Town of Charlestown :

**Dr.**

Balance tax bill, 1878, .....	\$	99 11	
" " " 1879, .....		156 92	
" " " 1880, .....		1,000 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,256 03

**Cr.**

Paid Town Treasurer, dog tax,	\$	24 00	
" " " .....		1,032 03	
In hands of Collector, .....		200 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,256 03

1881.

DEXTER BRADFORD, *Collector*,

In account with the Town of Charlestown :

**Dr.**

To tax bills, 1881, .....	\$	13,547 26	
Interest collected, .....		15 70	
		<hr/>	\$ 13,562 96

**Cr.**

Paid County tax, .....	\$	2,659 23	
State tax, .....		2,548 00	
High School tax, .....		600 00	
Town Treasurer, dog tax,		101 00	
" " interest,		15 70	
" " .....		7,213 18	
" " discounts,			
allowed as per order, ...		425 85	
		<hr/>	\$ 13,562 96

## TOWN INDEBTEDNESS.

MARCH 1st, 1882.

• Town Bonds, 5 per cent.....	\$ 21,000 00
Due the several school districts in said town.....	343 00
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	\$ 21,343 00

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Town farm .....	\$ 3,000 00
Personal property.....	2,251 20
Town Hall and furniture .....	15,000 00
Gravel pits .....	200 00
Town safe.....	100 00
Two road scrapers .....	100 00
In hands H. B. Viall, collector,	200 00
156 copies Town History on hand,	234 00
Town Lobby.....	150 00
B. W. Putnam's note.....	67 24
Liquors on hand .....	235 41
Due from State for Bounties ...	3 30
Due from County on pauper account,	23 34
Bal. due town in Treasurer's hands, 4,300 73	
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	\$ 25,865 22

If we deduct the indebtedness of the town from the above, it would leave a balance in favor of the town of .....

\$ 4,522 22

*LIQUOR AGENT.*

EDWARD COOLEY,

In account with the Town of Charlestown :

**Dr.**

Liquor and casks on hand, 1881 ..	\$ 199 69	
Increase of stock on hand .....	35 72	
Cash received for Liquor sold.....	710 32	
	<hr/>	\$ 945 73

**Cr.**

Paid for Liquor and freight .....	\$ 660 32	
Salary of Agent.....	50 00	
Liquor and casks on hand...	235 41	
	<hr/>	\$ 945 73
Balance in favor of town is,		
Increase of Stock on hand .....		\$ 35 72

*TOWN HALL.*

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

In account with JAMES FINNIGAN, *Custodian* :**Cr.**

By coal and oil on hand.....	\$ 6 10	
Cash from town .....	14 19	
“ “ .....	8 00	
Cash collected for use of Hall,	181 90	
	<hr/>	\$ 210 19

**Dr.**

To cleaning Hall .....	\$ 8 00	
Paid for coal, oil and expenses,	73 74	
Services as custodian.....	35 00	
Paid Town Treasurer .....	93 45	
	<hr/>	\$ 210 19



# CENSUS OF TOWN.

Population of Town, June, 1880,.....	1586
Valuation—Real Estate,.....	\$ 575,310
“ Personal Estate, ...	266,678 — \$ 841,988
Number of Scholars,..	395
“ Polls,.....	393.
“ Dogs, ....	101.
“ Horses,...	407.
“ Cattle,....	950.
“ Sheep,....	4846.
Valuation,....	\$ 25,152
“ “ ....	26,607
“ “ ....	16,551

MARCH 1ST, 1882.

The Selectmen recommend the raising of the following sums for the ensuing year ;

For State tax,.....	\$ 2,548 00
County tax, .....	2,659 23
Schools, .....	2,400 00
Roads and Bridges,.....	600 00
Town Officers,.....	800 00
Paupers,.....	500 00
Interest on Town Bonds, .....	1,050 00
Incidentals, .....	1,200 00
Cemeteries, .....	200 00
Highways, .....	1,700 00
Fire Department, .....	150 00
Scraping Sidewalks,.....	80 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HERBERT B. VIALL,	} Selectmen of Charlestown.
SULLIVAN J. DEMARY,	
GARDNER WAY,	

WE have examined the within accounts, and find the same to be correct and properly vouched.

ABEL HUNT,	} Auditors.
R. W. ROBERTSON,	
R. W. PIPER,	

# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Superintending School Committee,

—FOR THE YEAR ENDING—

*MARCH 1st, 1882.*

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## THE SELECTION OF TEACHERS.

There has been an evident desire on the part of Prudential Committees to obtain the best teachers to be procured for the means at their disposal. They have not chosen their “sisters, their cousins and their aunts,” as is too often the case, but have sought for qualifications and fitness. In some cases the sense of the district in regard to the teacher to be employed has been obtained at the school meeting. This method has the double advantage of obtaining the expression of opinion on the part of those most interested and of securing that unanimity of sentiment and feeling which is greatly promotive of successful results.

## QUALITY OF THE SCHOOLS.

As a rule the schools have been profitable; some of them especially so. Comments on the work in the several districts will be made in detail.

## SUGGESTIONS.

1. In addition to the qualification for imparting knowledge of Arithmetic, Geography, etc., there is requisite for a good teacher the general information which is so important for instruction in Reading. This properly ranks among studies the first as the key of knowledge and the source of culture. It is highly desirable that young people should go forth well instructed in this department. To this end teachers should be constant learners. Indeed, who should not be? "Not as though I had already attained, or am altogether perfect, but I follow after." With this spirit a teacher keeps an active mind, and by effort for self-improvement impels the scholar to continual progress. But the matter rests only in part with teachers. Parents may effect almost more than they. The home circle should be a reading school; books interesting to the children should be read aloud by the children, with the family for listeners. To say nothing of the profit thus gained by all, the young reader is encouraged to effort, and helpful suggestions furnish means of improvement.

2. By the table presented there is shown the number of weeks of school in the various districts. This has varied with the very unequal distribution of the school money. In this connection it may not be improper to advise voters to attend to their interests, and to *remain until the close of town meeting*.

3. Under the heading "Name of Teacher," there will be seen the districts in which frequent changes have been made, and those in which the same teacher has been employed through the year. It goes without saying that a school prospers with a *good* teacher continuously in charge.

4. There also appears the number, registered, of visits on the part of interested persons—parents and friends. It is hoped that all parents, and especially mothers, will study this column and mark the inequalities of the numbers in different districts. Some will find there a record of duty performed; others, the contrary. As a rule it will probably be found that in the schools favored by the most visits the best interest has been sustained. The necessity of assisting a teacher through the exercise of parental influence need not be dwelt upon. It is a truth universally acknowledged. A minister, even if not quite up to the average, may be pastor of a prosperous church if his poor efforts are sustained and reinforced by hearty interest and cooperation on the part of his people. So, to insure a profitable school, a teacher need not be of the very first-class if there is joined to school instruction good work at home and the encouragement of frequent visits on the part of parents and guardians. If the teacher is positively incompetent, let the school stop; if only imperfect, kindly rendered assistance may overcome the imperfections.

5. The supply of books in the hands of pupils may be said to be almost complete. It is rare to see two or three straining the covers of a reading book in the effort to see its open pages; but as a rule each scholar has the necessary implements for school work. This happy consummation is largely due to the action at the last annual meeting of Districts Nos. 2 and 3, by which their Superintending School Committee were authorized to purchase text books of the publishers and furnish them to the pupils at cost. Books have been sold also on these terms to all who have desired to purchase, in the various districts of the town.



6. Above the very important benefit of a general supply, another advantage has accrued. The variety of school books which was so serious a hinderance to both teachers and scholars, exists no longer. With a very few exceptions, the excellen text-books authorized by my immediatet predecessor and adopted by vote of the town, for the term of five years from March 8th, 1881, are in universal use.

7. The schools of the town are pursuing by similar methods a common object. Individual peculiarities have in great measure disappeared. The town is a unit in its most important municipal interest,—that of the education of its youth. It is respectfully submitted that this beneficent work would be best performed under a system that should unite all the educational forces of the town, and include as its centre a High School “of the town and for the town,” leading upward, as a higher education always does, every department, and receiving to the enjoyment of its superior advantages those who have been prepared in the district schools to pursue its course of study. It would, however, be unbecoming to occupy space in this Report with arguments in its favor. There shall only be repeated the view expressed by Mr. Dunlap, with the emphasis which increases with each passing year: “that the time has come when a Town High School would be a mutual benefit to *all*.”

8. With fourteen school districts in the town the number of pupils in some schools is necessarily very small. The advantage of a sufficient number of scholars in each school to form classes of fair size, is universally acknowledged. The teaching can thus be more systematic and thorough. A wholesome competition is instituted; mind sharpens mind. The circle of acquaintance of the indi-

vidual scholar is enlarged, and friendships are formed. One of the chief benefits of education in large public schools and colleges, is the kindly fellowship by which friendly unions are entered into which often last through life. It is greatly to be desired that neighboring districts should unite their means and by reciprocity of formal union gather as large schools as can be conveniently obtained. This might be done, either by arranging the time of the school terms for mutual accommodation; or, what would be better, a central school for the older scholars, with convenient primary schools. A good school will be made if the proposed union of districts Nos. 11 and 13, is found practicable. Ample provision is made in the General Laws (Chapter 86,) for the union of adjoining districts.

9. School districts are also empowered to authorize their prudential committee to use part of their school money for the conveyance to and from school, of pupils living more than one mile and a half from school: also, "school districts having less than twelve scholars to attend any term of school may, by vote, at their annual or other legal meeting called for that purpose, authorize the prudential committee to provide for the attendance at the schools of adjoining districts, the selection of such schools to be approved by the school committee," the provision for the conveyance of scholars being the same as that above cited. (Chapter 86, §§ 25 and 26.) It would be pleasant to see a load of scholars on their way to school.

### *REPORTS OF DISTRICTS.*

No. 1. In each of the two terms of school thorough work has been done by a well-qualified teacher. The scholars seem to have improved their advantages. The first class in Arithmetic deserves special mention.

No. 4. Faithful and pains-taking labor has been bestowed, and good discipline quietly and easily maintained. The fault in the school of indistinct enunciation and inaudible utterance which was noticed at the close of the first term, has been largely overcome. The reading has improved during the year.

No. 5. Miss Fuller has, as usual, given thorough instruction, and the condition of the school shows that the scholars have responded to her efforts. It was a pleasure to hear the class in Introductory Geography.

No. 6. A highly satisfactory teacher and school.

No. 7. Not satisfactory. In the recitations of the first term, the answers being given *in general*, the Superintendent could hardly judge of the attainments of individual scholars; and his directions to the teacher in this matter were disregarded. Every scholar should have the opportunity to recite without fear of interference or interruption from others. Thus only will he learn to tell what he knows. Another fault may here be mentioned, though not applying to this school as much as to some others: that of allowing one scholar in the reading class to supply the word for which another hesitates. This may help the bright or more advanced prompter, but is an injury to the one prompted. Each should have a fair chance. The teacher should do the teaching, and each scholar mind his own business. In the second term, the teacher was found amply qualified by her attainments, and, under different circumstances, will doubtless keep a good school; but there was an evident lack of discipline; too much studying together on the back seats, and general conversation throughout the school.

No. 8. Mr. Goss's earnest and efficient labors resulted in a term of school which gave abundant satisfaction to the district.

No. 9. Two terms of school less profitable than any other we have to report.

No. 11. No other school has in the same length of time made so marked progress as this.

No. 12. This school, very small in numbers, consisting in the second term of five scholars, all of one family, was well taught. The school money in this district can be more profitably expended than by maintaining a separate school.

No. 13. First term, fair. For the second and third terms the district has been fortunate in securing the best qualified teacher of all of whom in my present capacity it is my province to speak. Her teaching of beginners in reading by the word-method, in which she has had previous experience, was most satisfactory.

No. 14. Miss Osgood was, as heretofore, an efficient teacher. It would be a happy arrangement if this district could unite its forces with another.

THOS. D. HOWARD,  
S. S. Committee.



# STATISTICS OF TOWN SCHOOLS.

Districts by numbers.	Apportionment of School Money.		Length of sch. in weeks.			TEACHERS.			Prudential Committee.	No. of visits Registered.
	First	Second	Term.	Third	Term.	First	Second	Third		
	Term.	Term.	Term.	Term.	Term.	Term.	Term.	Term.		
No. 1.	11	14	25			Etta M. King,	Lewis J. Quimby,		George H. Messer. (Reported elsewhere.)	56
"2 & 3.									Eliza A. Breed,	44
No. 4.	10	10	32	12		Flora E. Newton,	Same,	Same,	Ashur Loveland,	75
No. 5.	10	10	20			Eva A. Fuller,	Same,		Charles H. Gay,	27
No. 6.	8	8	27	11		Rosella Perry,	Bessie Johnson,	Sante,	* Robert R. Allen,	12
No. 7.	8	9	17			E. Lavon Walker,			A. C. Eggleston,	17
No. 8.	14		14			Adelbert Goss,	Alma C. Clark,		Orin E. Fisk, (No school.)	42
No. 9.	8	12	20			Mary L. Buswell,			Michael Hearn,	20
No. 10.									Mervin J. Whipple,	59
No. 11.	8	6	14			Grace W. Robertson,	Same,	Same,	Rodaey H. Ramsay,	6
No. 12.	10	10	20			Sadie M. Lane,	May F. Whipple,		Alvah C. Way,	
No. 13.	8	9	29	12		Gertrude O. Jackson,	Nellie M. Holden.			
No. 14.	8		8			Juliette A. Osgood,				

\* First term, Henry L. Frost. +Also balance from last year.  
 + To districts 6 and 15 in Claremont, \$40.59.

## VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

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These schools closed their year of thirty-four weeks on Thursday and Friday, March 9th and 10th. We present them in the order of their closing.

1. THE SOUTH PRIMARY. Number of visits registered, 53. A class of seven completed their course in this school. The instruction has been most thorough, and the examination was highly satisfactory.

2. THE NORTH PRIMARY. Number of visits registered, 84. Much interest was manifested on the last day, and, with proofs of affection, were many tender memories. The correspondence was read in which Mrs. Putnam's resignation was tendered on account of impaired health, and accepted with expressions of high regard and of gratitude for her long and faithful services.

We recommend the adoption of the *Word-Method* in teaching beginners to read. We also recommend to the district the establishment of an Intermediate School in the building now occupied by the South Primary. This has been deemed a desideratum, and, the location of the scholars suitable for the Primary School being for the most part within convenient distance of the brick school-house, would seem to render the change now feasible. The subject will be presented at the School Meeting.



## State of New Hampshire.

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**L. S.** To the inhabitants of Charlestown, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Tuesday the 13th day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- 3d. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for laying out and repairing highways, building and repairing bridges, and for the necessary charges arising within the town.
- 4th. To hear the reports of Agents or Committees, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 5th. To see if the town will vote the use of the Town Hall to the different societies in said town.
- 6th. To see if the town will vote to establish a High School District in said town, and take any necessary action in regard to existing school districts.
- 7th. To see what action the town will take in regard to a division of the school money among the several school districts in said town.
- 8th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the fire department.
- 9th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for scraping of the sidewalks in the village of Charlestown.
- 10th. To see what discounts the town will make on taxes paid before a specified time.



11th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen of the town, to serve a notice on the managers of the Sullivan County Railroad corporation, requiring the said railroad managers to construct a passageway under the said railroad tracks, at some point near the railroad crossing at the north end of Charlestown village, near the residence of E. H. Tidd; so that the main street of Charlestown village, leading towards Cheshire Bridge, so called, may pass under the tracks of the Sullivan County Railroad.

12th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen of the town to make the width of the bridge over the tracks of the Sullivan County Railroad near the residence of E. H. Tidd, uniform throughout its entire length, the width to be the same as is the width of the eastern half of the present bridge, and to so change the location of said bridge that the western end of the bridge may rest upon the same abutment as that which the old bridge that was removed rested upon; and that from thence the bridge be made to cross over the railroad to Main Street in a line at right angle to the line of said railroad tracks.

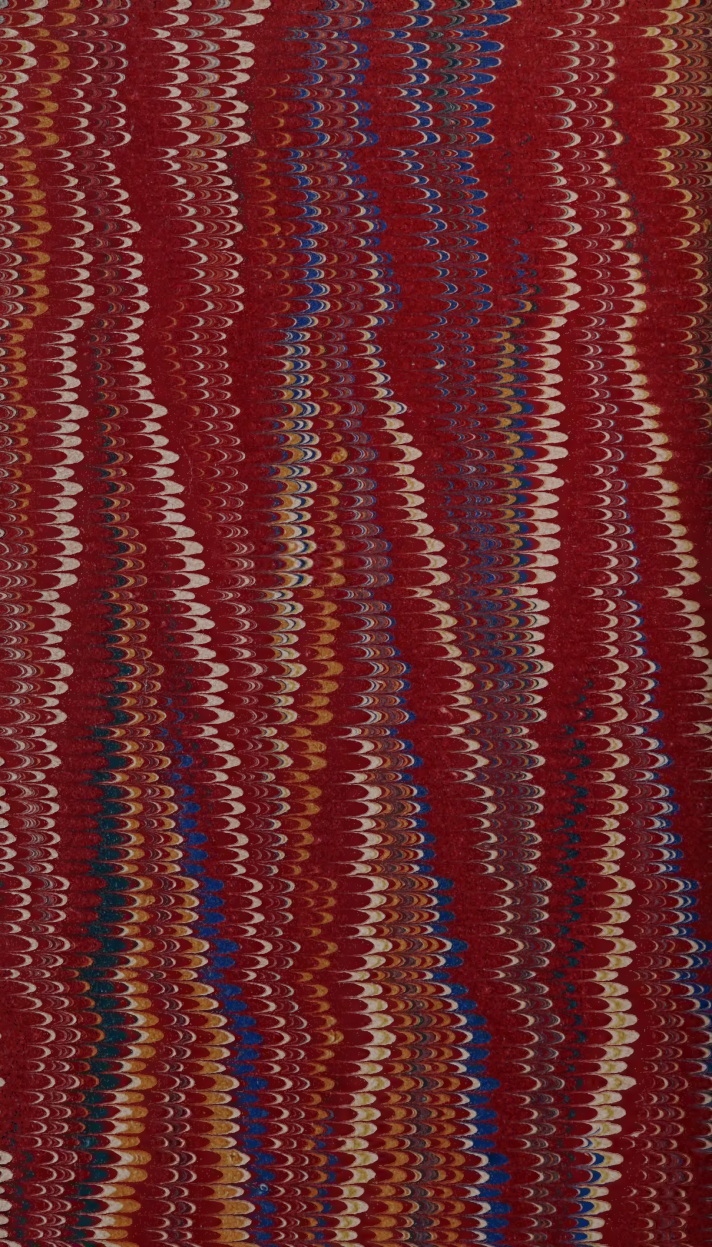
13th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen of the town to lower the road-bed of Main Street, near the residence of E. H. Tidd, as follows: beginning at a point in said Main Street about two rods north of an extended line of the fence that separates the house lot of E. H. Tidd from the house lot of John Fish; from thence grading north on a plane at such an angle that the road-bed of Main Street opposite the eastern end of the bridge over the railroad, shall be lowered three feet.

14th. To see what the town will vote to do with any unexpended moneys that may be remaining in the hands of the Town Treasurer.

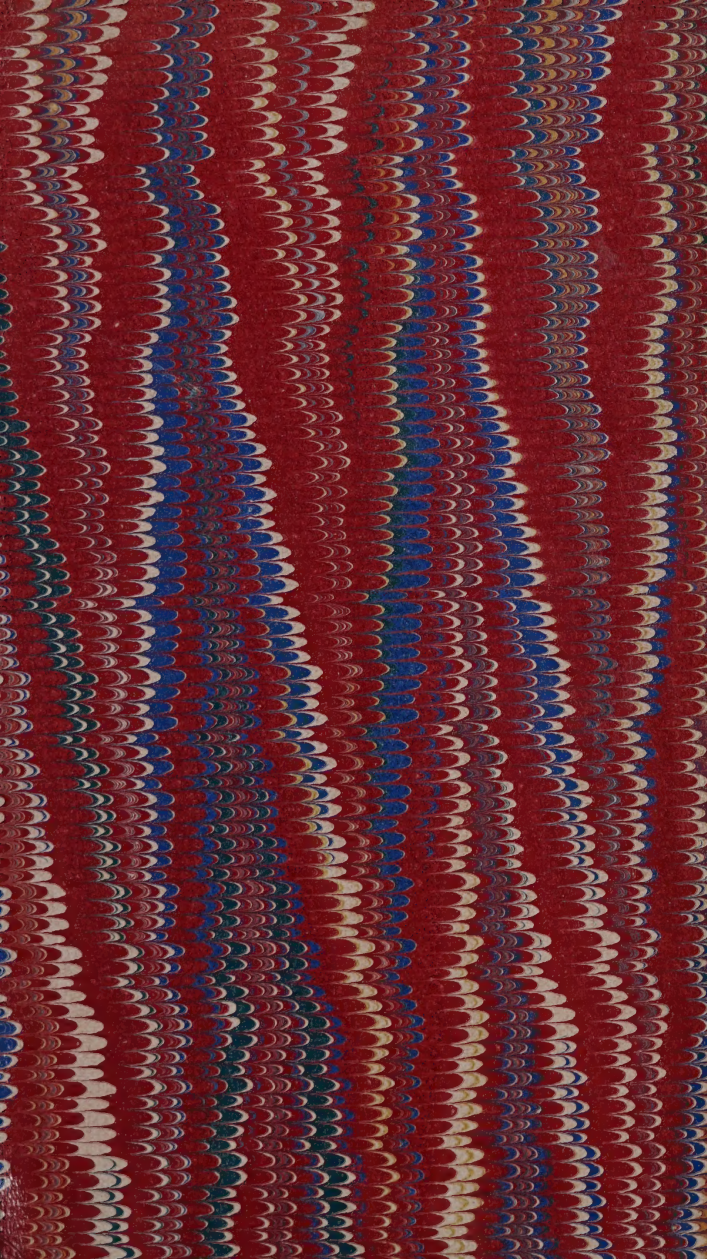
Given under our hands and seal this 23d day of February, A. D. 1883.

HERBERT B. VIALI,	} Selectmen
SULLIVAN J. DEMARY,	
GARDNER WAY,	
	of
	} Charlestown.











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